

Rep. Louise Slaughter (NY-28), Co-Chair of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force, met with the Administration's senior official for the Great Lakes to ask that more action be taken to protect the Great Lakes from a looming threat posed by Asian carp.

Slaughter met today in Washington with Cameron Davis, the Environmental Protection Agency's Senior Advisor for the Great Lakes.

"The Great Lakes represent 20 percent of the world's fresh water and we need to take care of them," said Slaughter. "I'm so pleased to have met with Mr. Davis. He represents the Administration's commitment to the Great Lakes and I have every confidence that we will work together very closely in the future.

"I was especially pleased to speak with him about Asian carp which have been detected near the entrance to Lake Michigan. As an invasive species, Asian carp have the potential to disrupt the food chain, hurt our ability to enjoy the lakes and cause damage in the billions of dollars."

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Davis was the president of the Alliance for the Great Lakes, formerly known as the Lake Michigan Federation, a group advocating for improving water quality and land use, conservation, habitat recovery and clean energy.

Slaughter has been a long-time advocate for the Great Lakes. In March, she testified in front of the House Budget Committee advocating for an increased \$475 million for Great Lakes restoration and economic recovery. That amount was included in the House Interior Appropriations Bill. Slaughter is a Co-Chair of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.